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Leap Day Tree Planting

Hosted by [Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council](http://www.cfwc.org)



These Girl Scouts earned three badges - the Tee-Lish Brownies "Eco Friend," a badge for tree planting and a badge for community service on Leap Day!

Volunteers pitched in on Leap Day to help plant over 400 native trees and shrubs along the Coast Fork Willamette River in Cottage Grove. Once established, these plants will stabilize the river banks, give shade to help lower water temperature, and provide habitat. Thanks to the many volunteers, including the Obsidians and Cottage Grove Girl Scouts Brownie Troop, for making a big difference on Leap Day! This project is completed in partnership with the City of Cottage Grove, Oregon



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18
 Annual Bald Eagle Count
 9 am—4pm
 Meet at the Koffee Kup

January 28
 Stage O Floodplain restoration of the Lower S. Fork McKenzie River
 5 - 7 pm
 Axe & Fiddle

February 15
 Great Backyard Bird Count with the Coast Fork Birders
 8—11 am
 Row River Nature Park

RIPARIAN AREA

Clean Water News



Cottage Grove Public Works & Development Department
 Update for Riparian Corridor Neighbors
 You are receiving this info because you live in or near a floodplain or flood prone area.

SPRING EDITION

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SOME VALUES PROVIDED BY FUNCTIONAL RIPARIAN AREAS:

- Improved water quality
- Fish and aquatic habitat
- Terrestrial wildlife habitat
- Livestock forage
- Aesthetic values
- Real estate and economic value
- Recreational potential
- Reduction of downstream flood damage

What to do when a storm is imminent or occurring:

- Be smart. Know your alerts and warnings.
- Stay Informed. Monitor the weather reports provided by your local news media. Consider buying a NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) All Hazards receiver, which receives broadcast alerts directly from NWS.
- Plan for how you will stay informed if there is a power outage
- You can use USGS's Water Alert system to receive text or email messages when a stream in your area is rising to flood level.

Did You Know?

FACT: Floods are the nation's most common and costly natural disaster and cause millions of dollars in damage every year. Floods cost America, on average, \$8.2 billion each year (according to 2015 data). Recovering from just one inch of water inside your building can cost about \$27,000.

FACT: Homeowners and renters insurance do not typically cover flood damage.

FACT: Floods can happen anywhere --More than 20 percent of flood claims come from properties outside the high risk flood zone.

FACT: Flood insurance can pay regardless of whether or not there is a Presidential Disaster declaration.

FACT: Most federal disaster assistance comes in the form of low-interest disaster loans from U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and you have to pay them back. FEMA offers disaster grants that don't need to be paid back, but this amount is often much less than what is needed to recover. A claim against your flood insurance policy could, and often does, provide more funds for recovery than those you could qualify for from FEMA or the SBA--and you don't have to pay the money back.

FACT: You may be required to have flood insurance. Congress has mandated federally regulated or insured lenders to require flood insurance on mortgaged properties that are located in areas at high

risk of flooding. But even if your property is not in a high risk flood area, your mortgage lender may still require you to have flood insurance.

Learn More

Call your insurance agent today to ask about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). There is no better way to protect the life you've built. To learn more, call the NFIP Help Center at 1-800-427-4661, or visit FloodSmart.gov.

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GET FLOOD INSURANCE

FEMA NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE OREGON

How to get Flood Insurance.

First, contact your insurance agent or company. The insurance agent who handles your homeowners or renters insurance policy could be the same agent who handles your flood insurance policy.

If your agent cannot assist you, contact your insurance company or the insurance agent who sold you the policy. If you have a policy with NFIP Direct, call: 1-800-638-6620. If you are not sure who your insurer is, call :1-800-427-4661. Help is available in most languages. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing can use the 711 relay system and ask to speak with

someone in the NFIP Call Center.

If you want to know if your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), check out our website:

www.cottagegrove.org/cd/page/flood-information.

You'll find a wealth of information about the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map, flood depths at your property, existing Evaluation Certificates, etc..



WILLAMETTE VALLEY BIRDING TRAIL: BIG RIVER LOOP

Starting from Cottage Grove at the south end of the valley, this loop takes you south along the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, with a stop at a large reservoir, then east along one of its main tributaries before you climb to higher-elevation forests along the Calapooya Divide. You'll notice a change in the rocks and plants at roadside, as you've crossed into older geologic formations that belong to southwestern Oregon. Coming down the east side of the divide, you enter a rugged area with a history of gold-mining. As you explore further in this unique corner of the Willamette Valley, visit serene waterfalls before you complete the loop by way of Dorena Reservoir. In winter the central part of this loop is often impassable, but you can still find excellent birding in Row River Nature Park just east of Cottage Grove.

For more information visit: <http://www.oregonbirdingtrails.org/wvtrailguide.htm>

Oregon Birding Trails: Row River Nature Park

Row river Nature Park consists of a series of ponds and riparian woodland with willows and cottonwoods along the Row River, and some conifer stands. Watch for Great Blue and Green Herons, Wood Duck and other waterfowl around the ponds and river. Four species of woodpecker are resident, along with chickadees, kinglets, and Wrentit. In the spring look for warblers, Bullock's Oriole, Black-headed Grosbeak and Red-winged Blackbird. Osprey and Cedar Waxwing are commonly seen in summer. In winter this park can be good for sparrows, with occasional rarities. Black Phoebe has occurred in the park..